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SUBJECT: SCHLESINGER STATEMENT ON USG CONSIDERATION OF  
ARMS AID TO PRC

REF: TAIPEI 2360 (NOTAL)

1. AT NOON BRIEFING APRIL 12, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TOOK  
FOLLOWING LINE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON SCHLESINGER  
STATEMENT:

QUOTE:

Q: JOHN, SCHLESINGER TALKED ABOUT ADMINISTRATION  
CONSIDERATION -- SPECULATION OR DISCUSSIONS ON THE QUESTION  
OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHINA. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US  
ABOUT THAT, PLEASE?

A: BERNIE, I DO NOT INTEND TO COMMENT ON INTERNAL

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DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. I

CAN SAY THAT, AS WE HAVE SAID PREVIOUSLY, THERE HAVE BEEN NO APPROACHES BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO REQUEST MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

Q: HAVE WE APPROACHED THEM?

A: I WOULD JUST RATHER STAY WITH WHAT I HAVE SAID ON THAT.

Q: JOHN, HAVE WE NOT SOLD THEM IN THE PAST GOODS LIKE HELICOPTERS THAT ARE QUASI-MILITARY?

A: LARS, OUR SALES OF HIGH-TECHNOLOGY ITEMS ARE GOVERNED BY EXPORT LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THROUGH THE COCOM PROCEDURES. I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK TO SEE WHETHER WE HAVE SOLD ANY HELICOPTERS. I AM NOT AWARE THAT WE HAVE.  
END QUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN TOOK SIMILAR LINE. POSTS SHOULD NOT RESPOND TO PRESS QUERIES ON THIS SUBJECT BEYOND REFERRING TO ABOVE.  
ROBINSON

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